

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

February 21, 2018

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2017-370-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2018-131

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2017-370-E - Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated's Request for Review, Reconsideration, and Rehearing Regarding Order No. 2018-80.

COMMISSION ACTION:

By letter dated February 20, 2018, SCE&G and Dominion Energy, Inc., the Joint Petitioners, voluntarily withdrew their Petition for Review, Reconsideration, and Rehearing of the Commission's Order No. 2018-80, which had denied the Joint Petitioners' Motion for Expedited Hearing. Under South Carolina Code Annotated Section 58-3-225(E), a party may withdraw a petition one time as a matter of right, without prejudice.

As grounds for their voluntary withdrawal, the Joint Petitioners referred to the recent amendment of Senate Bill 954, which they state has, quote, "a direct impact on the timing of the consummation of the merger between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy...in such a manner as to establish December 21, 2018, as the deadline for the...Commission to issue a final order" in these consolidated dockets.

The effect of the Joint Petitioners' withdrawal is to leave Order No. 2018-80 in full force and effect. In that order, we directed the Commission Staff to develop a procedural schedule generally consistent with the schedule proposed by counsel for Friends of the Earth and the Sierra Club. By taking notice of Senate Bill 954, which provides that the Commission's hearing in these dockets not begin before November 1, 2018, and that the Commission issue its final order by December 21, 2018, assuming Senate Bill 954 becomes law, I would move that we amend our Order No. 2018-80 to direct the Staff to develop a procedural schedule which will enable the Commission to conduct this proceeding consistent with the provisions of Senate Bill 954; that is, to set a date for the hearing in this matter to be on or after November 1, 2018, and to set a date for issuance of its final order on or before December 21, 2018. Should Senate Bill 954 not become law, the Staff may set the procedural schedule similar to our directive in Order No. 2018-80.

PRESIDING: WhitfieldSESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

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BOCKMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ELAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FLEMING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding